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THE BEGGAR

A little piece of your mantle, kind God . . .
. . . to cover me. . . .
'Out here in the open
The winds of Time blow death.
The world is a fiery sun
Beating upon my head.
I faint. . . .
A piece of your mantle . . .
. . . a scrap . . . a single thread
Of the Eternal . . .
. . . will keep me. . . .
Thank you, kind God!

THE STATUE

I have left a song—
A strong cry of exultation
Standing under the dome
Of the Great Central.
A cry . . . a song. . . .
A long white gesture of love
With upturned lyric palms
Held out to the people . . .
The nervous . . . hurried . . . weary . . . blind
. . . deaf people
Passing. . . .